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## Know Your Local

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*A reader, Howard Ehrlich, wrote the Mayor of Baltimore recently in concern for some information he read in Schwartz's Shorts: namely, that the CIA were training International Police in counter-insurgency with maps of Baltimore City. Here's what Mayor Schaefer replied to inquiries:*

Dear Mr. Ehrlich:

This will acknowledge your message of December 21, 1973 in which you express concern about the Agency for International Development's foreign police training program.

AID (Department of State) operates an International Police Academy in Georgetown (Washington, D.C.). The purpose of the Academy is to train foreign police officers in modern police techniques.

A hypothetical city named San Martin is used as a training device. The city map contains the basic street configuration of Baltimore with differing names and some differing features, such as: A Government plaza in mid city; a river running through the city; an airfield and stadium located in the vicinity of the National Guard Armory site; a national cemetery in the vicinity of Druid Hill Park; a waterfront area unlike Baltimore's and other changes. The hypothetical city's population is also typed by race, ethnic and other economic and/or social factors but these bear no relationship to Baltimore's data I am told. The training course consists mostly of map exercises. Their only travel to the Baltimore area is to visit the Baltimore Police Department with whom they enjoy excellent relations according to their Deputy Director. In fact, Mr. E. H. Adkins advised me that the Baltimore Police Department is considered to be one of the exemplary police departments in the country.

I hope this will reassure you.

With kindest personal regards, I am  
Sincerely, William Schaefer, Mayor.